

Family Engagement Resources

Academic Resources

- Strategies Packet for Parents and Students for Improving Reading, Writing, and Mathematics: from the Northwest Evaluation Association, https://reports05.nwea.org/nwea/help/DRS_Inst_Strat.pdf
- Read On Wisconsin: <http://readon.education.wisc.edu/>
- National PTA Parent Guides to Student Success: <http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>
- Shifts for Students and Parents: <http://www.engageny.org/resource/shifts-for-students-and-parents>
- Reading Rockets: <http://www.readingrockets.org/reading-topics/parent-engagement>
- Parent Roadmaps: Mathematics <http://www.cgcs.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=366> English Language Arts <http://www.cgcs.org/domain/114>

Culturally Diverse Family Engagement Resources

- Promoting Excellence for All eCourse: <http://dpi.wi.gov/excforall/ecourse>
- ¡Colorín Colorado!: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/families/>
- National PTA Parent Guides to Success – Spanish version
<http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>
- Disproportionality Technical Assistance Network (DTAN), "The Network"
<http://www.thenetworkwi.com/>
- Instruction for Diverse Learners: <http://inclusiveschools.org/instruction-for-diverse-learners/>
- Reaching Out to Diverse Populations: What Can Schools Do to Foster Family-School Connections?
<http://www.sedl.org/connections/resources/rb/rb5-diverse.pdf>
- The Ways – Wisconsin Media Lab <http://theways.org/>

Moving from Parent Involvement to Family Engagement

Twelve Promising Practices

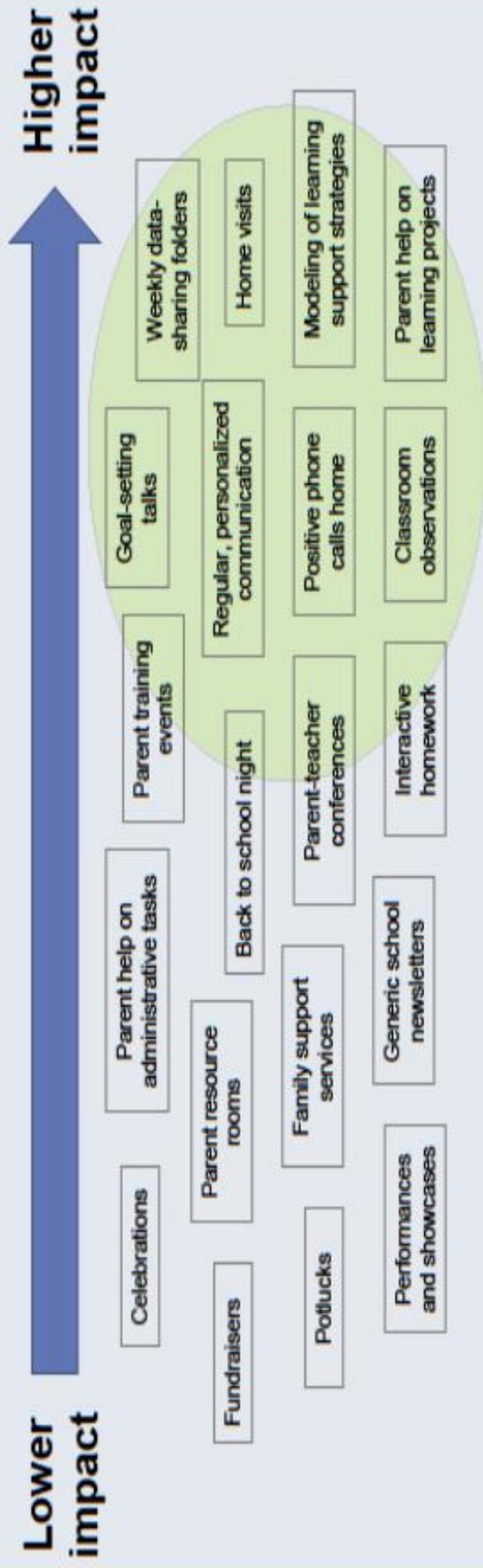


1. Start a **Partnership Action Team**. Visit <http://nnps.jhucosos.com/>.
2. Invite a panel of family members representing all students to **share their experiences** and connections to your school at teacher committee or in-service meetings.
3. E-mail parents **three questions to ask children** about what they learned that week, as well as digital resources to continue the learning.
4. Offer **teachers incentives** to reach goals for making positive family contacts.
5. Communicate with families in their **home languages**, including in written materials. Use **translators** at school events.
6. Offer family engagement opportunities at **various times and locations**.
7. Upscale traditional parent-teacher conferences to Grade-level Parent Meetings or Academic Parent-Teacher Teams:
<http://dpi.wi.gov/focus-schools/academic-parent-teacher-teams>
8. Create a learning-linked **service project** that uses families' skills.
9. Set up a **“buddy” system** for new families.
10. Hold **parent meetings** where families work, live, shop, and worship.
11. Connect elementary teachers to **early childhood** teachers, childcare providers, and families.
12. Ask families what modes of communication, digital devices and applications they use to keep updated on **children's learning**.

Figure 2: The Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships



Our Perspective on Relative Impact of Family Engagement Strategies on Student Learning



Flamboyan Foundation defines family engagement as collaboration between families and educators that accelerates student learning.